# CHAPTER 226:

# THE PET FOOD ON THE PORCH

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THE ONLY MEAL FOR TODAY...
I'LL SPLIT IT, ROKU-MON
TWO PER-FECTLY EQUAL PIECES AS USUAL ...
I DON'T NEED IT

I-IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU!? NEVER MIND THAT, WHY!?
RINNE-SAMA, PLEASE EAT IT BY YOURSELF
EH!?
I HAVE NO APPETITE...
AFTER ONE WEEK
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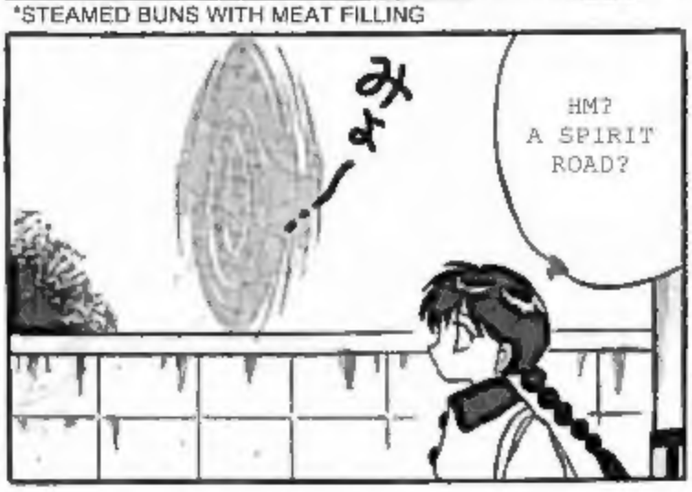
DOES HE FEEL SICK?
EEH!? ROKUMON-CHAN DOESN'T EAT FOOD!?

*STEAMED BUNS WITH MEAT FILLING



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I WAS THINKING THAT HE MIGHT'VE BEEN SECRETLY EATING SOMEWHERE, BUT THIS...
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A CAT GHOST!!
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ROKU-MON!
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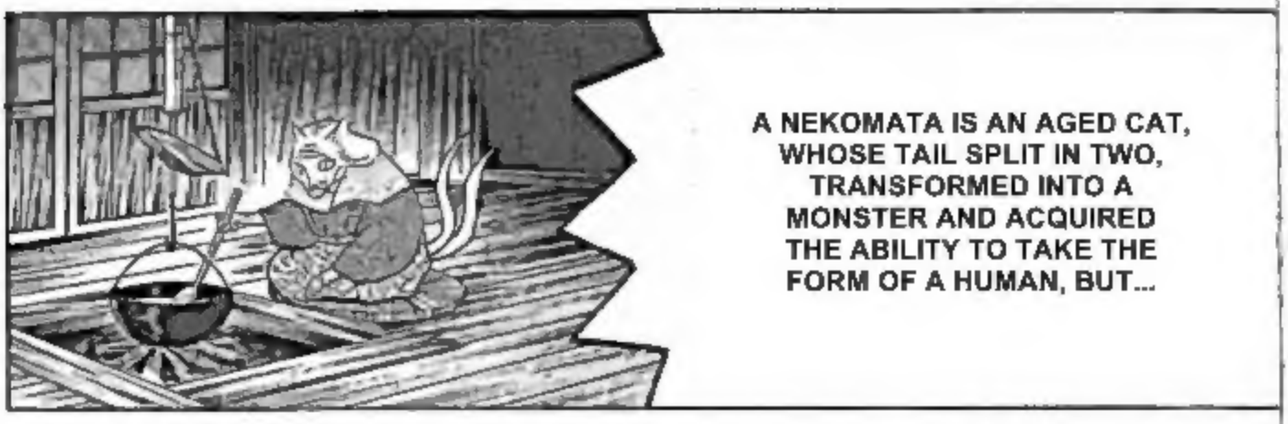
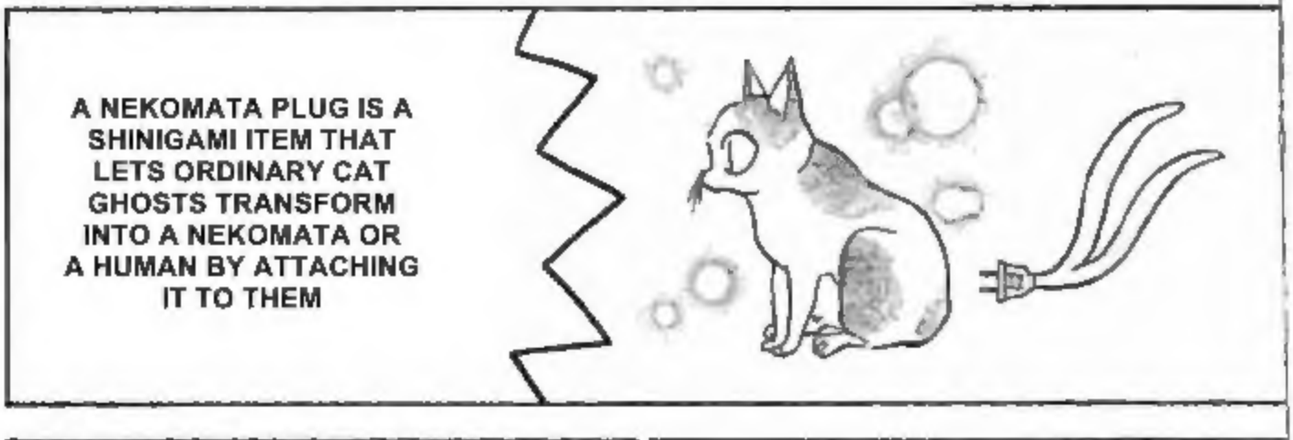
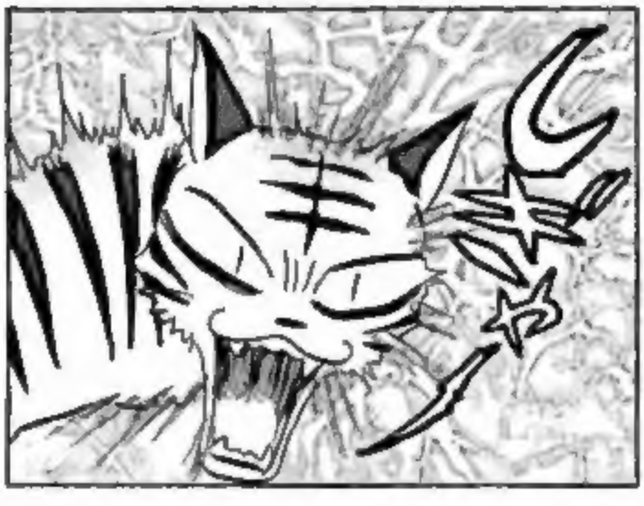
WHAT'S GOING ON, ROKUMON?

I FOUND A CAT GHOST WHO WAS SURVEYING THAT HOUSE.
IT WAS AROUND 10 DAYS AGO
YOU FOUND OUT, SO I HAVE NO CHOICE.
CAT
AND TOLD ME TO EAT IT
SHE CALLED OUT TO ME, TOOK ME TO WHERE THE PET FOOD WAS
EH?
WHY DID YOU KEEP IT A SECRET FROM ME?
I THOUGHT THAT NO MATTER HOW BROKE RINNE-SAMA MAY BE HE WOULD NEVER EAT...
THAT'S... BECAUSE IT'S CAT FOOD.

SHE MAY HAVE SOME REGRETS ...
SO THAT CAT GHOST CAN'T PASS ON, RIGHT?
WHO WOULD DEMAND A SHARE OF THE CAT FOOD?
IF THAT'S SO, I'M SORRY THAT I KEPT SILENT ABOUT IT.
DID YOU WANT TO EAT IT?
YOU DIDN'T ASK, HUH?
UUH ...
THE CIRCUM-STANCES ARE?
THERE SHE IS
WE MUST ASK HER PERSONALLY
A NEKO-MATA PLUG
ROKUDO-KUN, THAT'S?


A NEKOMATA IS AN AGED CAT, WHOSE TAIL SPLIT IN TWO, TRANSFORMED INTO A MONSTER AND ACQUIRED THE ABILITY TO TAKE THE FORM OF A HUMAN, BUT...


A NEKOMATA PLUG IS A SHINIGAMI ITEM THAT LETS ORDINARY CAT GHOSTS TRANSFORM INTO A NEKOMATA OR A HUMAN BY ATTACHING IT TO THEM



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SHE HATES BEING TOUCHED BY PEOPLE, JUST LIKE A STRAY CAT
AAH, WHAT A STRONG REFUSAL!

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SHE TRANS-FORMED!!

EVEN SO THE ONLY THING OUR RELATION CONSISTED OF WAS HER BRINGING OUT THE PET FOOD FOR ME TO EAT WHEN I DROPPED BY NEXT TIME
I KNEW THE OLD WOMAN FROM THAT HOUSE FOR 10 YEARS
CAT
UM
WHY CAN'T YOU REST IN PEACE?
YES
IN SHORT, YOU WERE GOING TO THAT HOUSE
AS A STRAY CAT TO EAT PET FOOD
I QUIETLY DIED IN A PLACE, WHERE NO ONE COULD'VE FOUND ME SO
IT'S KINDA PITIFUL
THE OLD WOMAN, WHO DOESN'T KNOW THAT I DIED, KEPT BRINGING OUT PET FOOD
AND THAT'S WHEN YOU MET ME

SO THAT SHE WON'T REALIZE THAT YOU DIED?
EEH!? SO MADE ROKUMON CHAN EAT THE PET FOOD IN YOJR PLACE
WHAT IF FOR INSTANCE FEEDING THE CAT IS WHAT SHE S LIVING FOR. ?
IS IT BETTER TO TE.. HER?
HOWEVER IF YOU KEEP DE.AYING IT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PASS ON
I DON'T MIND THAT THOJGH
AAH
LOOK AT TIE SIT A TION!
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WHEN RINNE WEARS THE HAORI OF THE UNDERWORLD HE BECOMES AN ASTRAL BODY, ALLOWING HIM TO FREELY ENTER EVEN STRANGERS' HOUSES.

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SHE ST LL M GHT BE IN THIS WOR D
TORA CHAN,

EEH!?
THE OLD LADY NOTICED!?
ON THE CONTRARY, SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER YOU PASSED ON OR NOT
HOW ABOUT IT? YOU SHOULD RATHER
GO AND SAY YOUR FAREWE..S
AAH AS EXPECTED, SHE HATES BEING TOUCHED
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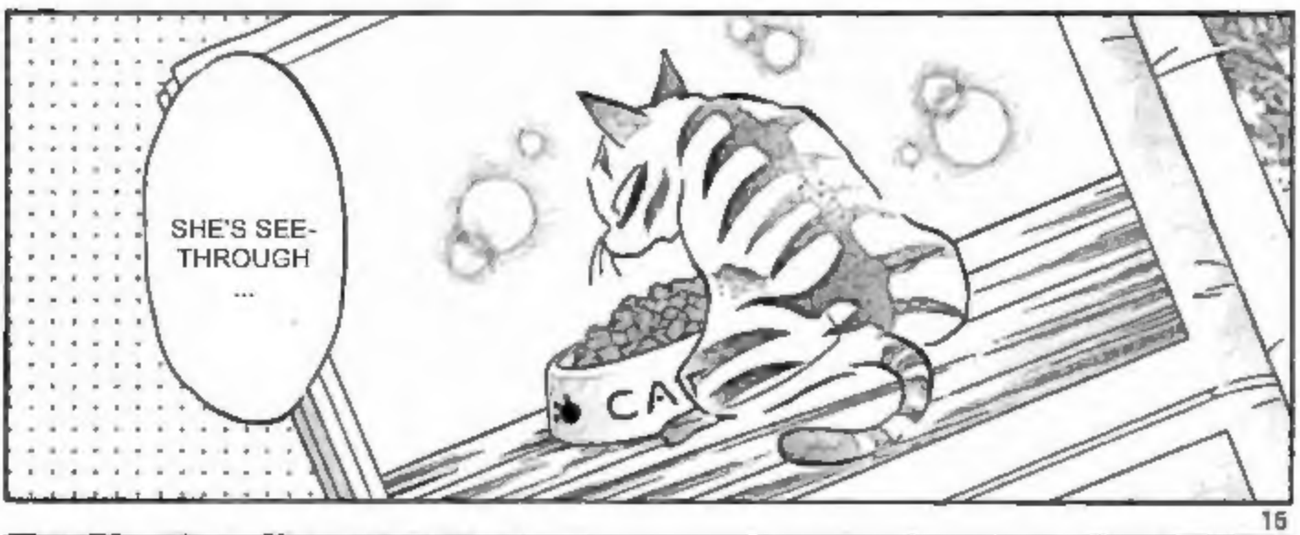
RIGHT AS THOUGHT
OH DEAR-
YOU KNOW TORA CHAN?

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE DIED?
UM... EVEN THOUGH THE FOOD WAS EATEN
SO SHE DIED
AN AL-BUM?


SHE'S SEE-THROUGH ...

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TSK
... AND THAT'S HOW IT IS
THIS CLEARLY IS SPIRIT PHO-TOGRAPHY

I KNEW THAT THE OLD LADY TOOK A PICTURE OF ME
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... HEY, SHE'S STILL HERE
THAT MAKES ME DISAPPOINT-ED THOUGH
WITH THIS, YOU CAN RELAX AND PASS ON.
BECAUSE I NEVER LET ANYBODY TOUCH ME
CAT

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THEN, WITHOUT RESTRAINT ...
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SO THAT'S YOUR REGRET
I WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY TO BE TOUCHED ONCE...
BUT IN THE END

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I'M ALLERGIC TO CATS
NO, THANK YOU.
HUH!?
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF ME ALL THESE YEARS
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YUP, ME TOO.
I HAD FUN.
THANK YOU, TORA-CHAN.
IT SEEMS THAT SHE ENJOYED TAKING PICTURES OF HER
EVEN SO, BECAUSE SHE LIKED LOOKING AT HER
WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT ME?
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IF THIS MAKES YOU CRY TEARS OF BLOOD, WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO NOT LET HER PASS ON?
I'LL SPLIT IT ROKU-MON
BY BY BY
THE ONLY MEAL FOR TODAY.
THUS, THE CAT GHOST SAFELY PASSED ON...